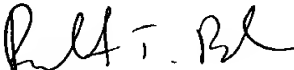


Early examination and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

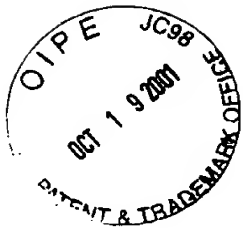
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In th Sp cification

Paragraph 1 has been changed as follows:

-- The present application is a U.S. non-provisional application. This application claims the benefit of US 60/237,168, filed on October [20] 2, 2000, under 35 USC 119(e).--

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